

MINUTES

UTAH Massage Therapy Licensing Board MEETING

May 15, 2007

**Room 475 – Fourth Floor– 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:09 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:34 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Karen Lessman-Hughes, Chairperson
Craig Sauer
Richard Engar

Board Members Absent:

Ruth Werner
Jennifer Pruetz

Guests:

Roger Olbrot, AMTA
Ray Pippin, AMTA
Viktoria Golovcenko
Irina Fedorenko
Irina Robinson
Ron Findlay, AMTA
Craig Anderson, Ogden Institute of Massage School
Geon Lee, Utah Career College
Danielle Fielden

DOPL Staff Present:

F David Stanley

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:**

Mr. Sauer seconded by Mr. Engar made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2007 meeting, the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Lenore Epstein

Mr. Ormond explained that, Ms. Epstein had reviewed 58-47b, and R156-47b, Ms. Epstein had determined that requiring a contract be submitted for each Massage Therapy Apprenticeship, was not currently supported by either the law or rules for this profession. Mr. Ormond then explained that if the Board required a contract to be submitted for each apprenticeship it would be necessary to make a statutory change.

Bever, Troy

Mr. Bever and his supervisor Mr. LaVoie appeared for Mr. Bever's scheduled probationary appointment. Ms. Lessman-Hughes questioned Mr. LaVoie if he understood his responsibilities as Mr. Bever's supervisor; Mr. LaVoie stated that he did. A positive employer report was submitted from Mr. LaVoie.

Mr. Bever will meet again with the Board on September 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Uken, Ammon

Mr. Uken appeared for his scheduled probation interview. After a brief discussion Mr. Sauer seconded by Mr. Engar made a motion to release Mr. Uken from his probation, the motion carried unanimously.

Olsen, Kristi

Ms Olsen appeared for her scheduled appointment with the Board. Ms. Olsen submitted her signed MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Mr. Ormond reviewed Ms. Olsen's MOU and explained all of the requirements; Ms. Olsen acknowledged that she understood.

Ms. Olsen will next meet with this Board on July 17, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Rock, Kevin

Mr. Rock appeared for his first probation interview with the Board. Mr. Ormond reviewed Mr. Rock's Stipulation and Order, explaining all requirements. Mr. Rock expressed his understanding of the requirements.

Mr. Olbrot explained that "Myotherapy College of Utah" would be conducting an ethics course in July, which will meet the requirements of Mr. Rocks Stipulation and Order. After a brief discussion it was determined that if Mr. Rock attends this course the Board will accept the credit.

Mr. Rock will meet again with the Board on September 18, 2007 at 9:45 a.m., with proof of completion of a six-hour Ethics continuing education course.

Berry, Melanie

Ms. Berry was available for her telephone probation interview with the Board. She explained that she is performing three to five massages per week, and is pending release from her Washington probation.

After a brief discussion Mr. Engar seconded by Mr. Sauer made a motion to release Ms. Berry from this probation contingent upon proof of her being released from her Washington probation, the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

New Web Site Review

Mr. Ormond conducted a tour of the Divisions new web site. The Board suggested adding a sample contract and curriculum under "Related Documents" and it was also noted that one of the Board Members was not listed.

Both suggestions were later corrected.

Why does the Association feel that the Massage Theory exam should be available to all applicants?

Mr. Ormond questioned the present AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association) members. "Why does the Association feel that the Massage Theory Exam should be available to all applicants?" Mr. Olbrot responded stating that AMTA was more concerned with Massage Apprentices being held to a lower standard than students who graduate from an accredited institution.

Mr. Ormond explained that the Division had received an extensive list of the textbooks used by NCBTMB (National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage Board) to write their exam. Adding that if the Board determined to upgrade the Utah Massage Theory exam to be equal to the NCBTMB exam the number of textbooks would need to be limited. The Board and Association agreed.

Mr. Ormond then suggested changing the requirements for licensure to allow licensees to take the FSMTB (Federation of State Massage Therapy

Boards) exam. It was determined that this was an acceptable option, all licensees could choose to take the FSMTB exam, Utah Theory or the NCBTMB, and the apprentices would not be held to a lower standard than the students who graduate from accredited institutions.

It was determined to table this issue until the Division could determine:

- When the FSBMT exam would be complete?
- What the exam cost will be?
- Who will be eligible to sit for this exam?

Thompson Parametric concerns with
NCBTMB exam

Mr. Ormond reviewed a report received by NCBTMB outlining the pass rates for several Utah Schools. Mr. Ormond added that only about 25% of the institutions have a pass rate above 70%. He questioned the Board on what pass rate their accrediting bodies require. Mr. Anderson stated that his accrediting body requires a 70% pass rate, to maintain accreditation.

Mr. Anderson then commented that the biggest problem his institution has with NCBMTB is the loss of application items, adding that 40-50% of the complete applications sent to NCBMTB are returned missing information.

School Curriculum

Discussed in conjunction with other Discussion items.

Mr. Pippin then commented that he knew of an institution in Utah County that does not have the appropriate accreditation with Consumer Protection, and is also instruction their students that they do not need to be license, even though the students are performing a modality of Massage Therapy. Mr. Pippin will submit all information to the Division for further investigation.

It was also determined to discuss adding a Continuing Education requirement to this profession.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Upledger Institute

Reviewed, with no further action taken

Utah Laws & Rules and Theory Score Reports

Reviewed, with no further action taken

ADJOURN: 11:34 p.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

July 17, 2007	Craig Sauer
Date Approved	Chairperson, Utah Massage Therapy Licensing Board

July 17, 2007	Clyde Ormond
Date Approved	Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing